

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Atty Docket 23287X

As a below-named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

My/Our residence(s), post office address(es) and citizenship(s) is/are as stated below next to my/our name(s).

I/We believe I/we am/are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS CHAIN-EXTENDED BY PHOSPHATES, COMPOSITIONS,  
ARTICLES AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING THE SAME  
the specification of which: (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 2, 1998, as Serial No. 09/053,649,  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I/We hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined by 37 CFR § 1.56.

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications:

| Application No.) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Priority Claimed             |                             |
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|                  |           |                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Application No.) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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I/We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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| <u>08/832,217</u><br>(U.S. Application Serial No.) | <u>April 3, 1997</u><br>(U.S. Filing Date) | <u>Pending</u><br>(Status--patented, pending, abandoned) |
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